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USAREUR'S NEW PARC



Colonel Stephen B. Leisenring
Commander, United States Army Contracting Command Europe

On 10 AUG 06, Colonel Stephen B. Leisenring took command of the United States Army Contracting Command—Europe, and assumed the duties of USAREUR and EUCOM PARC. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Leisenring held a variety of operational and acquisition Command and Staff assignments, including: Contracting Officer, AMC, Redstone Arsenal; Contingency Contracting Officer, USACCE (Operation Joint Endeavor-Bosnia); Deputy PM, PEO Tactical Missiles; XO to the Commanding General, DCMA; Commander, DCMA; Director of Contract Operations, PCO Baghdad, (Operation Iraqi Freedom); and Director of Procurement Operations,

DASA (P&P).

On 23 and 24 August, the Colonel and his wife, Debbie, Colonel Lara and the Command Senior Enlisted Advisor SGM Palmer came to RCO Bavaria for a short visit. During this visit, the RCO's military took the Colonel on a (what we hear was a 150-mile) bike ride through the new Netzaberg Community and the local Housing areas so the Colonel could see firsthand the extent of changes the transformation is having on the Grafenwoehr area. (SFC Sanders, and Majors Conatser and Cundy are expected to make a full recovery.) A hearty welcome to the Leisenring family!

FINAL ORDERING PERIOD FOR ARMY COMPUTER PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED BUYS

This fiscal year's final Ordering Period for the Army's Small Computer Program (ASCP) Consolidated Buys ends 30 Sep 06.

The ASCP is the organization responsible for implementing consolidated buys of desktop- and notebook computers and monitors for the Army at the enterprise level. The "Consolidated Buy (CB)" Process is in direct support of the CIO/G6 strategy for acquiring these devices, and is the most cost effective approach to meeting these requirements.

Activities that have gone through their local DOIM (or equivalent activity for National Guard and Reserve) IAW AR 25-1 and who

have immediate IT Purchases to make should follow these three easy steps. But Hurry! Time is running out.

(1) Do your Market Research by accessing the Army's Small Computer Program (ASCP) IT e-mart at <https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil>. You must be at a .mil address to access this website.

(2) Click the icon for Consolidated Buys (CB) and review available products and prices. (Items not specifically offered on the CB, but available on a vendor's ADMC BPA, may be added to a CB order as separately negotiated items.) Customers who are unable to identify a

CB item that will satisfy their requirements may obtain an exception by using the Exception Process. (Call the RCO at 475-8726.)

(3) Send your requirement through Acquiline to the RCO, and a Contracting Officer will issue Orders against the ASCP Blanket Purchase Agreements (in accordance with FAR 8.405-1 for orders valued at \$100,000 or less, and DFARS 208.405-70 for orders exceeding \$100,000). A copy of the order will be sent to ASCP by Email at: sfae-ps-scp-cb@mail1.monmouth.army.mil, or by FAX at: (732) 532-5185.

STRYKER BRIGADE MAY GET FIRST ROMANIA ROTATION



The first U.S. forces to rotate into the future training facility in Romania will likely be from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Stryker), and probably some time

in the summer of 2007. The Stryker brigade relocated this year from Fort Lewis, Washington, to Grafenwöhr, Germany. One of the Stryker's battalions, plus a few other units, are expected to go to Romania for the initial rotation, according to Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, the U.S. Army Europe's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

In the summer of 2008, the first regular rotations of U.S.-based brigades to Romania are expected to begin. "I'm not sure which brigade that's going to be or what kind of brigade — infantry, airborne, Stryker — but it will be one of those brigades," Hertling said. In the long term, the U.S. forces that rotate into Romania, to be called the Eastern European Task Force, could also include airmen and Marines. The rotations would last for up to six months and be unaccompanied tours.

On Dec. 6, the U.S. and Romania signed an agreement that set the stage for talks between military leaders on how the bases, which are being called shared facilities, would be used. The current agreement will allow U.S. forces to use the former communist-ruled nation for training, pre-positioning of equipment and, if necessary, staging and deploying. The sites include the Smardan Training Range, Babadag Training Area and Rail Head, Mikhail Kogalniceanu Air Base, and Cincu Training Range. The U.S. is also negotiating with Bulgaria, Romania's neighbor to the south, to establish similar training facilities. Romania has been a staunch ally of the U.S. during recent operations, having deployed forces to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

General Hertling outlined the plans for Romania while announcing a move that would send about 4,800 soldiers this year from Germany to the U.S. and send 2,400 more to other units within USAREUR.

In addition to the brigades that rotate into Romania, other Europe-based combat brigades would be located in Grafenwöhr (the 2nd Cavalry Regiment), the Ansbach area (the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade) and Vicenza, Italy (the 173rd Airborne Brigade).

JUMBO SHRIMP

Pretty Ugly; Awfully Pretty; Working Vacation; Jumbo Shrimp; Head Butt; Relocatable Building. All of these may seem to be oxymorons, but the term "Relocatable building" is actually a term of art within the Department of Defense.

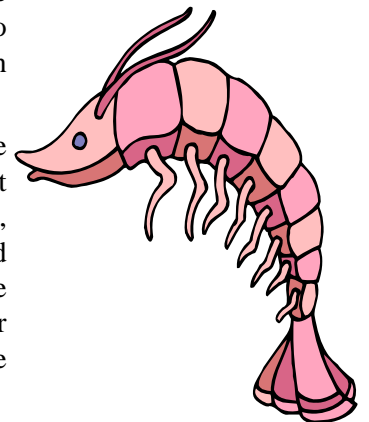
A Relocatable Building in DoD is a "building designed to be readily moved, erected, disassembled, stored and reused." Common examples of Relocatable Building involve a standard shipping container that has been made into a latrine, shower, office, or barracks. What may not be intuitive is the fact that these Relocatable Buildings must be classified as real property unless they can be properly classified as personal property in accordance with Chapter 5 of AR 420-18 (interim guidance published in 2004).

Requiring activities must gain approval prior to leasing, purchasing or moving these buildings; approval authorities range from the **Director of the Installation**

Management Agency (IMA) to the **Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) (DASA (I&H))**, depending upon the specific requirement (See Table 5-A-1 of AR 420-18).

Requiring activities needing to either lease or procure Relocatable buildings are advised to request approval well in advance.

If you have questions about Relocatable Buildings, please contact Mike Lund (DSN 475-8740) at the RCO, or your installation's local Judge Advocate office.



FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

PROPOSED RULES NEED YOUR COMMENTS.

18 SEP 06

FAR Case 2005-011, **Contractor Personnel in a Theater of Operations or at a Diplomatic or Consular Mission.** The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the DAR Council (Councils) are proposing to amend the FAR to address the issues of contractor personnel providing support to the mission of the US Government in the theater of operations or at a diplomatic or consular mission OCONUS, but not covered by the DoD clause for Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces.

DFARS 2005-D013, **Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces.** The interim rule implements DoD policy regarding contractor personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States. The comment period is extended to accommodate the significant interest expressed with regard to the interim rule.

13 OCT 06

DFARS 2004-D010, **Export-Controlled Information and Technology.** Part 204.73, Export-Controlled Information and Technology, will be added, part 235 amended, and Part 252 will add three clauses. See the Aug 14, 2006 Federal Register for details.

23 OCT 06

FAR 2005-017, **Requirement to Purchase Approved Authentication Products and Services.** Would add verbiage at FAR Part 4, Administrative Matters, and add the Clause FAR 52.204-9, Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel, in solicitations and contracts when contract performance requires physical access to a federally-controlled facility or information system.

FAR 2005-041, **Internet Protocol V6.** This proposed rule will require all IT to be Internet Protocol Version 6-capable products and services. Sections 7, Acquisition Planning, 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items; and 39, Acquisition of Information Technology, are affected.



FINAL RULES.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
08 AUG 2006

DFARS 2003-D051, **Contract Administration Functions.** Updates the list of contract administration functions to clarify responsibilities for payment administration and for verification of contractor compliance with earned value management system requirements; deletes obsolete text on mobilization production planning surveys; and relocates procedures for designation of contract payment offices to PGI. Affected subparts/sections: 242.3; PGI 242.3.

DFARS 2003-D060, **Threshold for Small Business Specialist Review.** Subpart 219.201 is amended.

DFARS 2005-D004, **Contract Reporting.** Relocates internal DoD contract action reporting requirements to PGI. Affected subparts/sections: Part 204 Table of Contents; 204.6; Part 253 Table of Contents; 253.204; PGI 204.6; PGI 253.204

Comments may be made at: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.



CONFERENCE COSTS EYED

Conference spending is facing increased scrutiny. On August 3, the Senate approved a \$70M cap on conference spending for DoD in FY07.

FPDS LONG ON PROBLEMS, SHORT ON DATA

When Administration Officials tried to learn more about Interagency Contracting, they couldn't use its own databases to find the information. Created in 1979, the FPDS was intended to provide the Acquisition Community with details on how it spent the Government's \$300B a year it was given. People enter data incorrectly, or leave data out; Much of the data is logged months after the action occurred. August 1, 2006,

FINAL ASSURANCE DATES FOR FY06!!

As you know, August 31st was the last date the RCO took requirements that require formal contracts. We will now accepting the following for processing:

15 SEPT = Task Orders under \$100K against Single-Award IDIQ contracts and Requirements Contracts; Multi-Trade Task Orders (Time & Materials portion).

28 SEPT = Multi-Trade Task Orders (Job Order Contract portion)

30 SEPT = ABG Projects (All)

RIISING WORKLOADS & RETIREMENTS

The Federal Acquisition Institute's annual report says that the average Contracting Staff member is a 47 year-old female (60%) GS-11 with at least one college degree (70%), who has seen no increase in staff, but a 90% increase in Government spending. The report also says that a third (32%) of the Contracting Staff will be eligible for full retirement in 2010, and over half (54%) by 2015. Scary news if you're a manager. August 11, 2006, Federal Times.



FY07 BUDGET RATE:

\$1.00 = Euro .8530

INDUSTRY SAYS GOV'T ON WRONG TRACK

Several Industry Associations are complaining that a Federal Advisory Group's recommendations will set back 10 years of procurement reform, by: (1) Allowing protests of Task and Delivery Orders in excess of \$5M; and (2) Limiting the definition of commercial services to those sold in large quantities commercially. The suggestions would add time and expense to agencies efforts to buy products, and would make the procurement process less flexible, the Associations said in a joint statement. The Panel also advised that Agencies establish centers of excellence to support development of requirements. August 11, 2006, Federal Times.

PAUL DENETT OMB PROCUREMENT CHIEF

The Federal Government's top procurement post, left vacant by David Safavian when he was convicted of lying to investigators, is being filled by Paul Denett,. Mr. Denett was a procurement chief at both the Treasury Department and the Department of the Interior and takes the OMB as the Administrator of the OFPP. OMB's Federal Procurement Policy Office is responsible for shaping the way Federal Agencies acquire the goods and services they need. August 4, 2006, OMB Announcement.

SAFAVIAN ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

Former White House Procurement Official, David Safavian, is asking for either a new trial or for his conviction to be thrown out. A jury found Mr. Safavian guilty of lying to an Ethics Officer when he sought approval to go on an expensive golfing trip to Scotland with [convicted lobbyist] Jack Abramoff. Mr. Safavian underpaid his portion of the trip by about \$14,000. Mr. Safavian is scheduled to be sentenced on October 3, 2006. August 25, 2006. Federal Times.

Contracts Available for Orders

The following contracts are available for placing last-minute Task and Deliver Orders. If you have any questions, contact Major Todd Cundy at DSN 475-8726.

<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
Asphalt	W912PB-06-D-0015	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE GMBH
Battle Simulations Software Services	W912PB-06-D-0003	THE TITAN CORPORATION
Civilians on the Battlefield (COB)	W912PB-06-D-0011	JOINT VENTURE FUDURIC/EPS GBR
Cleaning of Washracks	W912PB-04-D-0019	KRAETZ GMBH
Custodial	W912PB-04-D-0016	JURA GEBAEUDESERVICE PFEIFFER
Custodial, TAC Site 17, Graf	W912PB-06-D-0018	GOETZ GEBAEUEDEMANAGMENT RSL
Custodial, Toil/Op Fac	W912PB-06-D-0019	JURA GEBAEUDESERVICE PFEIFFER
Custodial, Trng Exerc.	W912PB-05-D-0023	JURA GEBAEUDESERVICE PFEIFFER
DPM Contract for Germany	W912PB-04-D-0012	ITO MOEBELTRANSPORT GMBH
DPM contract for Italy, Belgium, Netherlands	W912PB-04-D-0013	THREE STARS SCARL
Electrical, Grafenwoehr and Vilseck	W912PB-05-D-8009	ING. LUDWIG FREITAG
Grass Cutting	W912PB-06-D-0010	GRUENWERT AG
Grounds Maintenance	W912PB-06-D-0008	RMS GMBH
HEM Instruction	DAJA16-02-D-0022	CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
Install/Repair Sanitary Facilities, Hohenfels	W912PB-06-D-8001	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE
Install/Replace suspended ceilings	W912PB-05-D-8007	MICKAN GENERAL-BAU GMBH
Interior & Exterior Painting	W912PB-05-D-8002	HEYDUCK GMBH
Job Order Contract (JOC), Grafenwoehr	W912PB-06-D-8002	JV HSG/MICKAN
Job Order Contract (JOC), Hohenfels	W912PB-06-D-8003	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE
Local Drayage, Hohenfels	W912PB-06-D-0007	WEIDENER TRANSPORT GESELLSCHAFT
Local Drayage, Grafenwoehr	W912PB-06-D-0006	SCHMIDT SPEDITION GMBH
Maintenance of Fam Qtrs, Grafenwoehr	W912PB-05-D-8001	FRANK GMBH
Maintenance of Fam Qtrs, Hohenfels	W912PB-05-D-8010	FRANK GMBH
Maintenance of Fam Qtrs, Vilseck	W912PB-05-D-8006	FRANK GMBH
MRX Services Hohenfels	W912CM-04-D-0007	TOI TOI & DIXI SANITAERSYSTEME
Range Maintenance, Grafenwoehr Tng Area	W912PB-04-D-0028	PROESL BAU EK
Refuse Collection, Hohenfels	W912PB-05-D-0017	KRAETZ GMBH

<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
Remove POL polluted Materials	DABN09-03-D-0026	NBS NORDBAYERISCHE STAEDTEREINIGUNG
Repair and Install Fences	W912PB-05-D-8008	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE GMBH
Repair and Install Floors	W912PB-05-D-8003	FRANK GMBH
Repair of Roofs	W912PB-05-D-8004	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE GMBH
Repair on IVECO vehicles	W912PB-06-D-0009	GM GEORG MEIER GMBH
Roads	W912PB-05-D-8005	HSG TECHNISCHER SERVICE GMBH
SFISS Network Services	W912PB-06-D-0013	D & S CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED
Small Arms Maintenance	DABN09-03-D-0023	CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
Sodium Chloride	W912PB-06-D-0004	GEORG BAERNREUTHER GMBH
Sodium Chloride	W912PB-06-D-0002	SALZ HELMREICH
Sodium Chloride, Vilseck	W912PB-06-D-0005	SALZ HELMREICH
Tapestry Software Engineering	W912PB-05-D-0007	TAPESTRY SOLUTIONS, INC.
Training - Educ Svcs LCMS	W912CM-04-D-0021	CACI PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, INC.
Training - Medical Courses	W912PB-05-D-0005	BEARINGPOINT
Training - Safety Courses	W912CM-05-D-0003	ALAMO SAFETY ORGANIZATION
Training - Safety Courses	W912CM-05-D-1003	ALAMO SAFETY ORGANIZATION
Training - Safety Courses	DAJA16-02-D-0023	DEUTSCHE VERKEHRSWACHT VAIHINGEN/EN
Training - UMO Courses	W912CM-05-D-0004	MPRI, INC.
Training - UMO Courses	W912CM-05-D-9004	MPRI, INC.
Transportation of Gravel	W912PB-06-D-0014	GRADL TIEFBAU GMBH

*Don't Forget Your Employee of the
Quarter Nomination!*



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RCO BAVARIA SWEEPS ACE AWARDS



Ms. Sigrid Mayer receives the ACE FY2005 Award for Outstanding Procurement Professional. Ms. Mayer is also this year's recipient of the USAREUR General's Award for Acquisition Excellence.



Mr. Hans-Juergen Diepold receives the ACE FY2005 Award for Outstanding Procurement Analyst. Mr. Diepold is also USACCE's nominee for Outstanding Procurement Analyst, Department of Army Awards.



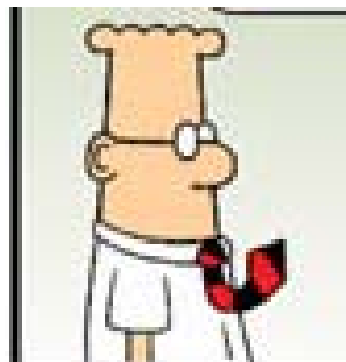
Mr. Hans-Juergen Diepold, Ms. Elie Stowe, and Ms. Sigrid Mayer receive the FY2005 Best Office Award. Behind them are ACA Director, Ms. Sandra Sieber and out-going USACCE Commander Victoria Diego-Allard.



Michael Sanders is promoted to Sergeant First Class. He is flanked by COL Diego-Allard and Senior Enlisted Advisor SGM Palmer.



RCO Bavaria's Deputy, Major James Conatser, and Ms. Sigrid Mayer at the Awards Ceremony.



Christian Dilling received the ACE FY2005 Mission Support Award, but was unable to attend the ceremony.



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We are a team of dedicated military and civilian Contracting Officers, Specialists, Analysts, and Support Staff, and are all here to help you. Call DSN 475-8712 if you'd like to make an appointment with one of our professional staff members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Elie.Stowe@us.army.mil, or by phone at DSN 475-8710.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Need to get those CLPs cranked out? Some new Modules at the DAU Continuous Learning Center are available. Of particular interest to the Acquisition Force are:

Berry Amendment (A hot topic lately);
Evolutionary Acquisition;
Structuring Contracts for Emerging DoD Requirements;
Contingency Contracting Officer Refresher (CLC 114);
Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI) (CLC 113); and
Utilities Privatization Contract Administration (CLC 120).

If you're interested, just go to the DAU Home page.

COORDINATE ALL GPC PURCHASE REQUESTS WITH THE PBO

Approving Officials and Cardholders are reminded that is a requirement to coordinate all GPC purchase requests with their PBO prior to purchasing.

The purpose of this routine is to document the screening for availability of the required items from on-hand inventories, excess from other military services or federal agencies, or mandatory supply sources before proceeding with local purchase. Further, the PBO will determine whether the required items are expendable, durable or non-expendable and whether they need to be on the installation hand receipt. See AE 710-2, chapter 5-9 and FAR part 8.

Questions? Call Tom Calcagno at DSN 475-8715, or Hans-Juergen Diepold at DSN 475-8778.

PR WEB MANDATORY

Mandatory use of PR Web (Acquiline) for submission of all Purchase Requests is fast approaching! Acquiline (PR Web) classes take place here at the RCO (Bldg 244, Room 222), and are offered by our Business Division at your offices. To get into one of the classes, or to arrange for one of our Acquiline Trainers to come to your offices, please send an email to the following email address:

cce-gfn-acquiline@graf.eur.army.mil.

For urgent requests, please contact Christian Dilling directly at DSN 475-8734.

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